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SUBJECT
CLERIDES VISIT TO BRUSSELS, JANUARY 27, 1977
A SUMMARY: FORMER CYPRIOT PRESIDENT GLAFKOS CLRDISITED
BRUSSELS JAN. 27 AND SAW FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE.
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL REVIEWED DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND
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GAVE US PRESENT EC-9 STATUS OF PLAY ON CYPRUS ISSUE.
END SUMMARY

2. CLERIDES TOLD VAN ELSLANDE, SAFTER MEETING WITH SECRETARY
VANCE AND WILLY BRANDT, THAT TIME WAS NOW PARTICULARLY
PROPITIOUS FOR NEW U.S. PROPOSALS. HE INDICATED THAT
SUCH U.S. PROPOSALS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY GREEKS AND

TURKS AS WELL AS CYPRIOTS. CLERIDES SAID THAT ALL THREE PARTIES WANT TO AVOID ANY INTERVENTION IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION BY THE SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS.

3. CLERIDES RAISED THE PROPOSAL FOR "THREE WISE MEN", (AN AMERICAN, A FRENCHMAN AND A WEST GERMAN - POSSIBLY BRANDT), WHICH HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE JANUARY 22 ISSUE OF THE ECONOMIST. THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE BELGIAN'S ATTENTION BY THE CYPRIOT EMBASSY PRIOR TO THE CLERIDES MEETING. CLERIDES TOLD VAN ELSLANDE THAT HE PREFERRED AND WOULD WELCOME A U.S. AND EC-9 INITIATIVE OVER ONE FROM THE U.S. AND TWO OF THE EC-9. CLERIDES SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE "WISE MAN" PROPOSAL WITH BRANDT, WHO HAD AGREED TO TAKE A ROLE IF ASKED TO DO SO.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE EC-9 HAD NO PROPOSAL OF THEIR OWN TO MAKE AT THIS TIME, BUT WERE VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT U.S. MIGHT PROPOSE. THE EC-9 WANT TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH A U.S. INITIATIVE. THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN LONDON LAST WEEK DISCUSSED CYPRUS AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON (A) RENEWED SUPPORT OF THE KISSINGER FIVE PRINCIPLES; (B) A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS MODIFICATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES INCLUDING A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER DIFFERENT PRINCIPLES; AND (C) AN OFFER TO RENEW COLLABORATION WITH THE U.S. THEY PREPARED A DRAFT LETTER TO THIS EFFECT TO SECRETARY VANCE, WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED BY MINISTERS JAN. 31-FEB. 1 AND THEN
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TRANSMITTED OVER THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC-9 TO SECRETARY VANCE.

5. CLERIDES TOLD VAN ELSLANDE THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE U.S. WANTED TO TAKE A RAPID INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS AND PROPOSED TO DISCUSS ANY U.S. INITIATIVE WITH THE EC-9. THE U.S. INITIATIVE MIGHT INCLUDE SENDING A SPECIAL ENVOY TO ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA IN ORDER TO GET A NEW LOOK AT THE PRESENT POSITIONS OF THE THREE MAIN PARTICIPANTS. AFTER SUCH A MISSION, CONCLUSIONS COULD BE DRAWN LEADING TO U.S. PROPOSALS TO THE EC-9. ANY U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE A ROLE OFR THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL.

6. THE BELGIANS RECEIVED CLERIDES AT A HIGH LEVEL AS, WE WERE TOLD, THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT HE MAY STILL HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN CYPRUS WHEN MARKARIOS DISAPPEARS FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE.

7. THE BELGIANS SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED
IN ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT BE WILLING TO SHARE WITH
THEM ON U.S. PLANS FOR A CYPRUS INITIATIVE AND, AS
PART OF THE EC-9, ARE READY AND WILLING TO COOPERATE
WITH THE U.S. RENNER

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